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BUS SYSTEM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants have elected to file a Request for Continued Examination to continue prosecution of the above-identified case. This Preliminary Amendment constitutes the Applicants' submission pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Applicants have included remarks to address assertions made by the Examiner in the Final Official Action mailed on September 29, 2004. Prior to examination of the application, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks set forth below.